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NORDCO ANNOUNCES NEW CANBUS-CONTROLLED PRODUCTION SPIKE DRIVER



Nordco Inc.'s new CANbus-controlled production spike driver – SE Hammer – offers both productivity improvements as well as increased operator controls.

Bob Coakley, Director Sales and Marketing, notes that “the new CANbus control system allows operators to easily establish all their critical operational settings from an intuitive tablet display. Mechanics can use this same CANbus-controlled tablet display to quickly diagnose any equipment problems.”

Productivity AND Control

The SE Hammer includes the following productivity and operator control features:

- Hydrostatic propel system – up to two times more torque than the CX Hammer and provides more responsive control over movement. The SE Hammer also features proportional propel pedals, as well as variable pump and motors, resulting in smoother track travel.
- Traction control system which includes antislip and feathering capabilities.
- Hydraulic pattern cylinders that provide gun spacing.
- Larger hydraulic hammers that have more impact energy than the hammers used on the CX Hammer.
- A new bulkbin design includes an improved Cluster Buster, which improves the spike flow.
- Configurable automatic nipper dig and spike loading options allow operators to focus on spiking operations, while reducing operator fatigue.
- Proportional gager control allows fast and reliable gaging operations.
- Nipper cylinders with regen and auto-dig option allow faster tie nipping.

Visibility AND Ergonomics

The SE Hammer was designed for maximum operator visibility and ergonomics.

- Operators appreciate the larger front windows, the raised operator seat, and the clear sight lines across the top of the engine, hydraulic, and electrical systems.
- The tablet-style CANbus control system gives the operator more access to operational controls from the seated position, making it easier and faster to perform initial setups and respond to environmental changes as they arise.
- New transducers in the up/down cylinders replace proximity switches for easy adjustment of cylinder ready heights.
- The air conditioner was moved to face the operators, providing maximum cooling effect on torrid days.

Speed AND Ease

The SE Hammer was also specifically designed for speed and ease in field maintenance.

- The new piping layout includes fewer manifolds, shorter hoses, highly visible and simplified hose routings, and less fittings.
- User friendly hydraulic and electrical system plaques clearly identify parts and their associated part numbers for easy replacement part ordering.
- Proportional mobile equipment valves, unlike industrial DO3 valves, are smaller and have fewer potential leak points.
- A quick-change anvil ensures swift and simple anvil change-outs in the field.

Nordco is the number one manufacturer of production spike drives in North America. The SE Hammer is the latest product in a spiker family that includes the CX Hammer, Curve Gang Spiker, Production Screw Spiker, Small Spiker, and Small Screw Spiker.

ABOUT NORDCO

The Nordco family of companies provides an extensive selection of products and services that make it possible for rail-related industries to build, improve, maintain and inspect their track infrastructure and move rolling stock. Nordco, headquartered in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, has a long history as a manufacturer of new and rebuilt railroad Maintenance-of-Way Machinery. Today the company's product line includes in-house and on-site machinery inspection and repair; reconditioned machinery rental; mobile railcar movers; ultrasonic rail flaw testing equipment and services for railroads and other industries; and replacement parts.

Nordco operates manufacturing facilities in Oak Creek, Wisconsin; Ridgefield, Connecticut; Grandview, Missouri; and Arcola, Illinois.

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